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FOR DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY EAGLEBURGER FROM THEBERGE

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: APER, NU
SUBJECT: INCREASE IN FOREIGN NATIONAL STAFFING

1. WITH REFERENCE TO OUR TELEPHONE DISCUSSION ON AUGUST 26, I
WISH TO CONFIRM THIS POST'S URGENT NEED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
AN FSL POSITION OF PROTOCOL ASSISTANT AND A SIMULTANEOUS INCREASE
IN THE POST'S OPERATING EXPENSE ALLOTMENT TO COVER THE COST OF THE
POSITION. AS I EXPLAINED TO YOU, THE NEED FOR THE POSITION ARISES
FROM THE INCREASED DEMANDS WHICH I HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO LEVY UPON
ALL SEGMENTS OF THE EMBASSY, DEMANDS WHICH WILL INTENSIFY AS TIME
PASSES.

2. IN THE PAST, ROUTINE PROTOCOLARY TASKS SUCH AS DIPLOMATIC NOTES,
INVITATIONS, AND COURTESY LETTERS HAVE FALLEN DIRECTLY ON
AMERICAN SECRETARIAL AND POLITICAL OFFICER PERSONNEL. THE SYSTEM
WAS ABLE TO HOLD UP AS LONG AS AMBASSADORIAL CONTACTS WERE
LIMITED, OFFICIAL ENTERTAINING WAS MINIMAL AND THE CORRESPONDENCE
WAS CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH. MOREOVER, WITH THE EMPHASIS ON SPORADIC
VERBAL INTRA-EMBASSY COMMUNICATION, RATHER THAN WRITTEN, AND WITH
MINIMUM STRESS ON CONCEPTUAL REPORTING,, SECRETARIES AND
OFFICERS FOUND THE TIME TO ACCOMMODATE THESE TASKS.

3. I, HOWEVER, INTEND TO REQUIRE MUCH MORE RESEARCH AND
CONCEPTUAL ANALYSIS FROM MY OFFICERS AND THEY AND THEIR
SECRETARIES WILL NO LONGER HAVE THE TIME TO PERFORM PROTOCOLARY
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DUTIES. MY OWN SECRETARY WILL ALSO BE FULLY OCCUPIED WITH A

MULTITUDE OF OTHER DUTIES. AT THE SAME TIME, THE VOLUME OF PROTOCOLARY WORK WILL INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY AS MY WIFE AND I EXPAND CONTACTS AMONG ALL SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION (WASHWNGTON IS VERY KEEN ON THIS).

4. THE INCUMBENT OF THE REQUESTED POSTION WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING AND RESPONDING TO INVITATIONS, PREPARING ROUTINE DIPLOMATIC NOTES, TRANSLATING, DRAFTING AND TYPING COURTESTY AND PROTOCOLARY CORRESPONDENCE IN SPANISH, RECEIVING AND REGISTERING INCOMING DIPLOMATIC NOTES, ESCORTING VISITORS TO THE AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE AND WOULD BE THE POINT OF CONTACT FOR DIPLOMATIC VISA APPLICATIONS. TO BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT THESE RESPONSIBILITIES SATISFACTORILY, THE INDIVIDUAL MUST BE SOMEONE OF A GOOD BACKGROUND, WELL- EDUCATED AND WITH A WIDE CIRCLE OF ACQUAINTANCES IN GOVERNMENT, OPPOSITION AND BUSINESS CIRCLES.

5. I THEREFORE URGENTLY REQUEST THAT THE POSITION OF PROTOCOL ASSISTANT, FSL-7/5, \$4,601 PER ANNUM, BE AUTHORIZED AND THAT THE EMBASSY'S ALLOTMENT AND STAFFING PATTERN BE ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY.

6. YOUR ASSISTANCE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
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